GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4730
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OPENING OF A RIVER LINK
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during his recent visit to Myanmar proposed the opening of a river link between Mizoram and Sittwe in Myanmar;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the economic implications of opening this river link?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a) -(c) During the recent visit of the Minister of External Affairs to Myanmar, the two sides, inter alia, discussed the proposed Kaladan River project which would link Southern Mizoram with Sittwe in Myanmar through a river and road link.This would provide an alternative route to link the north-eastern states with Kolkata. It would also promote cross-border trade, tourism and other economic interaction between India and Myanmar.